

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-17. By the present amendment, claims 18-27 are cancelled. New claims 28-33 are submitted and are respectfully submitted to be allowable, for the reason that they contain limitations that patentably define over the references. Independent claim 28, for example, specifies that the spreader includes:

ground-engaging wheels connected with the hopper for supporting the hopper on the ground;

a mechanism for transmitting rotational force of the ground-engaging wheels as they roll along the ground to the impeller to drive the impeller for rotational movement; and

a handle for enabling a user of the spreader to manually propel the hopper over a selected ground area by rolling the wheels along the ground.

This structure is not found in the Egerdahl reference, for example.

Claim 29 depends from claim 28 and specifies that the spreader is made almost entirely of molded plastics. This is in severe contrast to the spreader of Egerdahl which is a large, tractor-mounted metal unit.

Claim 30 depends from claim 28 and specifies that wherein the means for dropping said spreadable material downwardly onto the surface to be treated is operative to distribute the spreadable material outward to a pattern wider than said discharge opening. This does not happen in Egerdahl.

Independent claim 31 also specifies that the means for dropping said spreadable material downwardly onto the surface to be treated is operative to distribute the spreadable material outward to a pattern wider than said discharge opening.

Dependent claims 32 and 33 specify, respectively, that the means for dropping comprises a diffuser, and that the diffuser has a generally triangular configuration.

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For the foregoing reasons, applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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